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SUBJECT: EC DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING

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1. FRG MISSION MINISTER RANDERMANN CALLED ON POLMIN
TODAY TO MAKE THE APPROACH FORESHADOWED IN USUN 3165.
RANDERMANN PROVIDED A TEXT OF THE AGREED EC-NINE DRAFT
DECLARATION ON PEACEKEEPING. IT IS IDENTICAL TO THAT
TRANSMITTED REFTEL. RANDERMANN ALSO LEFT A COPY OF THE
TALKING POINTS WHICH THE FRG PRESIDENCY WAS INSTRUCTED TO

USE IN MAKING ITS APPROACH TO US.

2. RANDERMANN SAID THE NINE PLAN TO CONSULT OTHER EUROPEANS AND WESTERN ALLIES THIS WEEK, CONTINUING WITH APPROACHES TO KEY NON-ALIGNED, THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS NEXT WEEK IN A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF CONSULTATIONS HOPEFULLY PERMITTING THE NINE TO IDENTIFY A LARGE AND BROADLY-BASED LIST OF POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS FOR THIS INITIATIVE. HE SAID THE NINE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REQUEST US CO-SPONSORSHIP IN LIGHT OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR INITIAL CONSULTATIONS. THE NINE WISH THIS INITIATIVE TO APPEAR AS A GLOBAL ENTERPRISE, RATHER THAN A WESTERN OR EUROPEAN INITIATIVE.

3. POLMIN WELCOMED RECEIPT OF THE TEXT AND INDICATION OF THE NINE'S PLAN. HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO OFFER SOME FRIENDLY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT AFTER APPROPRIATE STUDY IN WASHINGTON. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE INITIATIVE OF THE NINE APPEARS TO BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY BECAUSE OF US INTEREST IN PRESSING FORWARD WITH COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE PEACEKEEPING CAPABILITIES OF THE UN. POLMIN INFORMED RANDERMANN OF HIS FORTHCOMING SWING THROUGH NORDIC CAPITALS, SAYING THAT PEACEKEEPING WOULD BE ONE PRINCIPAL TOPICS THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THOSE CONSULTATIONS. RANDERMANN CONFIRMED THAT ALL NORDICS ARE BEING INFORMED OF THE EC-NINE INITIATIVE.
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REPEATING REFTTEL AND THIS MESSAGE TO NORDIC CAPITALS FOR THE INFORMATION OF POSTS IN ADVANCE OF PETREE'S FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS.

5. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE EC-9 TALKING POINTS LEFT BY RANDERMANN:

- PEACEKEEPING MEASURES OF THE UN HAVE BECOME OF MORE
- AND MORE PRACTICAL VALUE AS ONE OF THE DECISIVE MEANS
- OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO AVOID VIOLENCE BETWEEN PARTIES TO A CONFLICT AND TO PREPARE THE GROUND
- FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. MORE THAN A
- DOZEN OF THESE MISSIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORGANIZED.

- THE COMMITTEE OF 33 HAS DONE MUCH USEFUL WORK IN PREPARING THE GROUND AND IN DISCUSSING THE MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVED, AND SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE ITS WORK.
- HOWEVER, AT A TIME THAT THE UN IS ENGAGED IN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS OF UNPRECEDENTED SCOPE AND SIGNIFICANCE A GENERAL DECLARATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- SEEMS TO BE APPROPRIATE TO ENCOURAGE A MORE EFFECTIVE
 - IMPLEMENTATION AND PREPARATION OF PRACTICAL PEACE-
 - KEEPING MEASURES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS SHOULD
 - INCLUDE THE RECOGNITION OF A COMMON RESPONSIBILITY OF
 - MEMBER STATES FOR THESE OPERATIONS, THEIR SUCCESS AND
 - THEIR FINANCIAL BURDEN.
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- THE UN COULD BECOME MORE EFFICIENT IN THESE OPERATIONS
 - IN PARTICULAR IF LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND TRAINED PER-
 - SONNEL WOULD BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE ALTHOUGH IT IS THE
 - SOVEREIGN DECISION OF EACH MEMBER STATE WHETHER TO
 - PARTICIPATE IN ANY OPERATION OR NOT.
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- FOR IMPROVING THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE UN AS WELL AS
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- FOR THE ESSENTIAL PURPOSE OF SUCH OPERATIONS IT
 - SEEMS TO BE PERTINENT TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF THE
 - UN FOR PEACEKEEPING MEASURES.
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